15. (Amended) The method according to claim (6), wherein the CH enzymes used in the first reaction of cholesterol are chemically modified enzymes and the CH enzymes used in the second reaction of cholesterol are enzymes that are not chemically modified.

27. (Twice Amended) The reagent kit according to any one of claims (21), (22) or (23), wherein the reagent for aggregating lipoproteins other than HDL lipoprotein is a reagent comprising heparin or a salt thereof, phosphotungstic acid or a salt thereof, dextran sulfuric acid or a salt thereof, polyethylene glycol, sulfonated cyclodextrin or a salt thereof, sulfonated oligosaccharide or a salt thereof, or a mixture thereof and a divalent metal salt.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

> Group I (Claims 1-9 and 17-27), drawn to a method for determining LDL cholesterol, a method for determining HDL cholesterol and LDL cholesterol, a reagent for determining LDL cholesterol and a reagent kit for determining LDL cholesterol and HDL cholesterol; or
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> Group II (Claims 10-16), drawn to methods of determining HDL cholesterol and total cholesterol.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely Claims 1-9 and 17-27. In this regard, claims 12 and 15 have been amended to depend from the elected group. Accordingly, rejoinder of claims 12, 14 and 15 to Group I is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 12, 14, 15 and 17-27 remain presented for prosecution.